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FELON SENTENCED FOR POSSESSION OF FIREARM

PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that OMAR JOHNSON , 23, Indianapolis, Indiana, was sentenced to 47 months imprisonment today by U.S. District Judge Larry J. McKinney following his guilty plea to one count of unlawful possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. This case was the result of a investigation by the Indianapolis Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Explosives, and is part of the PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS initiative.

On January 13, 2003, JOHNSON, a convicted felon, was found in an Indianapolis motel room in possession of a loaded Ruger .357 magnum caliber revolver and a loaded Makarov 9mm semi-automatic pistol and several rounds of ammunition.

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According to Assistant United States Attorney Joe H. Vaughn, who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge McKinney also imposed 3 years supervised release following JOHNSON's release from imprisonment. During the period of supervised release, Johnson will be under the supervision of the court and must undergo drug treatment. JOHNSON was fined in the amount of \$500.

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